

**Sample Size and Non-response Information for NCHS Surveys Linked to Medicare Data by survey and age<sup>1</sup>: Unweighted Data**

	Total Person Sample	Sample Ineligible for Linking <sup>2</sup>	Sample Eligible for Linking	Sample Linked to CMS Enrollment Database (EDB)	Link Rate for Total Sample (%)	Link Rate for Eligible Sample	Number of Respondents with Information on the Medicare Denominator File <sup>3,4</sup>
<b>NHIS 1994</b>	116,179	21,647	94,532	20,102	17.3%	21.3%	17,639
< 65 years	95,004	17,855	77,149	3,975	4.2%	5.2%	1,884
65+ years	21,175	3,792	17,383	16,127	76.2%	92.8%	15,755
<b>NHIS 1995</b>	102,467	21,039	81,428	15,758	15.4%	19.4%	13,788
< 65 years	85,854	17,829	68,025	3,322	3.9%	4.9%	1,613
65+ years	16,613	3,210	13,403	12,436	74.9%	92.8%	12,175
<b>NHIS 1996</b>	63,402	16,035	47,367	8,717	13.7%	18.4%	7,562
< 65 years	53,949	13,937	40,012	1,940	3.6%	4.8%	949
65+ years	9,453	2,098	7,355	6,777	71.7%	92.1%	6,613
<b>NHIS 1997</b>	103,477	33,125	70,352	12,380	12.0%	17.6%	10,658
< 65 years	88,819	28,620	60,199	2,871	3.2%	4.8%	1,388
65+ years	14,658	4,505	10,153	9,509	64.9%	93.7%	9,270
<b>NHIS 1998</b>	98,785	37,913	60,872	9,766	9.9%	16.0%	8,360
< 65 years	85,269	32,467	52,802	2,309	2.7%	4.4%	1,128
65+ years	13,516	5,446	8,070	7,457	55.2%	92.4%	7,232
<b>LSOA II<sup>5</sup></b>	9,447	1,923	7,524	7,235	76.6%	96.2%	7,114
<b>NHEFS<sup>6</sup></b>	14,407	959	13,448	9,028	62.7%	67.1%	5,577
< 65 years	4,052	227	3,825	860	21.2%	22.5%	263
65+ years	10,355	732	9,623	8,168	78.9%	84.9%	5,314
<b>NHANES II<sup>7</sup></b>	9,252	2	9,250	6,004	64.9%	64.9%	4,309
< 65 years	2,123	0	2,123	229	10.8%	10.8%	141
65+ years	7,129	2	7,127	5,775	81.0%	81.0%	4,168
<b>NHANES III</b>	33,994	970	33,024	8,281	24.4%	25.1%	7,484
< 65 years	26,458	830	25,628	1,189	4.5%	4.6%	604
65+ years	7,536	140	7,396	7,092	94.1%	95.9%	6,880

<sup>1</sup> Age is the participant's assumed age at the time of the linkage (July 1, 2001).

<sup>2</sup> Survey respondents are ineligible for linking if they refused to provide their Social Security or Medicare number at the time of interview or if they are missing key identification data.

<sup>3</sup> Not all persons linked to the EDB will have Medicare claims information.

<sup>4</sup> Linkages to the Denominator file could be in any or multiple years from 1991-2000.

<sup>5</sup> All persons in LSOA II are older than 65 years.

<sup>6</sup> NHEFS = NHANES I Epidemiologic Follow Up Study.

<sup>7</sup> Only the NHANES II participants who were aged 30 years and older and who agreed to a physical examination are included.